



recycle seven days, have it picked up six

New split-body truck means our three-person crew can collect recycling Monday through Saturday.

Remember to put your garbage and recycling containers out no later than 5:00 pm on collection days. A City of Raleigh ordinance allows you to put refuse containers at the curb as early as 3:00 pm. All empty containers and any uncollected waste must be removed from the curb no later than 9:30 am on the day after collection day.

Help the crew collect efficiently by preparing your garbage and recyclables ahead of time:

1. Place all garbage in the green carts or green City-issued bags as required by city ordinance.

Green bags can be purchased for \$2.00 per roll of 10 bags: Downtown Raleigh Alliance, 120 S. Wilmington Street.

2. Large cardboard boxes should be flattened and reduced to no more than 3' x 3' in order to fit inside the truck.

Please tie or tape large stacks of boxes to prevent them from blowing away.

3. Remember, no yard waste is collected in downtown. Any debris that results from landscaping work should be removed by the landscaper.

bin there, done that

Consider a blue cart upgrade.

Are you using a little green bin to collect recyclable materials? The 64-gallon carts offer as much space as three recycling bins, plus the convenience of wheels. Blue carts are also easier for our crews to see and service as they are designed to work with the cart tippers on the recycling truck. Finally, the little green bins have an unfortunate tendency to grow legs. We have replaced bins at no charge to the customer, but we may not be able to do this in the future if bins continue to disappear at the current rate. To request a blue cart for your office, simply call 831-6489.

who isn't recycling?

Despite the recession, the Downtown Raleigh Recycles program is growing strong.

While 2008 saw the demise of several customers, the recycling program gained new participants such as Sitti and The Oxford.

We look forward to serving several new restaurants and bars scheduled to open this spring.

Do you know of a downtown business that isn't recycling? Please contact Solid Waste Services if you need information to share.

Our employees are also available for free site visits to help set up recycling collection.

new truck = saved fuel and time

Don't be alarmed; garbage and recycling is sorted in the same truck.

Our new, split-body vehicle enables the crew to collect garbage and recycling at the same time. Green garbage carts are emptied into one side, along with any green, City-issued garbage bags. The crew tips blue recycling carts into the other side.



While the crew makes only one pass through downtown, they make two separate trips to get rid of the refuse. Garbage is dumped at the East Wake Transfer Station, where it is loaded onto tractor-trailers to be driven to the South Wake Landfill in Holly Springs. When the recycling side of the truck fills up, the driver, Nebraska Baker, goes to Sonoco Recycling in east Raleigh. There, the materials are sorted by a combination of people and machines. The plastic bottles, aluminum cans, newspapers, and other materials are sold to various mills and factories around the world to be manufactured into new products.

what can be recycled?

We accept ONLY the following materials for curbside collection:

Glass bottles and jars (any color) / Plastic BOTTLES / Metal food and beverage cans / Newspaper, magazines, catalogs / White paper (any color printing is OK) / Corrugated cardboard (flattened and reduced to 3' x 3') / Gable-top cartons (e.g., milk, juice) / Aseptic boxes (e.g. juice, broth) / Paperboard boxes and tubes / Plastic six-pack rings (soft kind only) / Aluminum foil and trays (must be clean)

For questions, comments, or to recommend a business that should recycle: bianca.howard@ci.raleigh.nc.us / 919.831.6489

green count: 132 downtown recyclers